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REGULAR REPUBLICANS ROUT ANTIS IN TWO CONVENTIONS SOUTHERN TOURISTS TENDER BANQUET TO THEIR LEADER PROF. J. R. E. LEE

Prominent Men Tour South

Their Purpose to Make An Exhaustive Study of
Negro Business and Educational Development

An Interesting Trip From Every Angle

CHAPTER I.

Some months ago Prof. J. R. E. Lee, the progressive principal of Lincoln High School of this city, at an informal luncheon attended by a number of business and professional men, suggested the idea of a delegation of representative men visiting the Southland and studying conditions and ascertaining the methods used by the people of our group in the South to achieve the wonderful business success for which some sections of their country is noted. Mr. Lee had been associated with the educational developments of our race in the South for more than twenty-five years, more than sixteen of which were spent at Tuskegee Institute, and when his ideas were accepted relative to the trip, naturally he was selected as the leader to arrange the itinerary, routing and program and magnificently he filled all of these trying duties assigned him.

On April 9 at 5:30 o'clock over the Frisco this history-making delegation, twenty-seven in number, left on their tour of nearly three thousand miles. People of both races in every city visited, have had a new awakening and the men of "The \$50,000 Business Men's Special," as it has been called, have a new vision of the achievements and possibilities of the South.

The first stop was Memphis, Tenn. There they were met with automobiles by committees with the following chairmen: Reception, T. H. Hayes; finance, Dr. J. L. Deloney; program, Dr. W. T. Vernon; general, Rev. T. O. Fuller. Breakfast was served at the community center, followed by a stroll through the business district, where the banks, retail stores, insurance companies, Roddy's chain of grocery stores, and various other enterprises were studied. Luncheon was served at the industrial settlement home, and then followed an observation auto drive, to the outlying places of interest, including the schools, colleges, the great undertaking establishment of T. H. Hayes, which practically covers a city block, and a drive through the boulevards.

After dinner at the Community Center, a reception to the visitors was held by the Federation of Women's Clubs, where felicitations were exchanged, and addresses were delivered by a number of visitors, including Nelson C. Crews, editor of the Kansas City Sun; Attorney C. H. Callo-way; Rev. J. W. Hurse, Dr. S. H. Thompson, and others. The visitors were officially welcomed to Memphis by two of the city commissioners.

The next stop was Birmingham, Ala., the "Pittsburgh of the South." The committee from the local Business League, headed by the following as committee chairmen: Professor W. L. Porter, principal of the high school; W. B. Driver, insurance man, and Hill Harris, president of the local Business League, met the visitors

at the station with automobiles, and escorted them to places of interest.

In a beautifully printed souvenir given to the party, it was stated that Memphis has a population of 65,000 Colored people, has 16 public schools, also the Howe Institute, LaMoine Institute, Henderson Business College, St. Anthony Parochial School, Etude Conservatory of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nurse Train and Law, has two charitable homes, many social activities, six hospitals among which those deserving special mention are the Jane Terrell Baptist Hospital of 100 beds, and the Wilson Surgical Hospital and Training School of 75 beds which are first class in every respect. Memphis has two of the best banks visited in the South, of which is the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Co., of which J. W. Sanford is president and B. M. Roddy is cashier, with a capital stock of \$100,000 and deposits of \$940,000.00. This bank is erecting a new 6-story building for their future home which will be modern in every respect. Every office for which except the ones used by the banking firm, has already been leased. The Fraternal Savings and Trust Co. is another splendid bank, of which Mr. William Burroughs is president, and A. F. Ward is cashier. They have also let a contract for a new 10-story building for their future home. Possibly the most inspiring things witnessed was the Roddy chain of co-operative stores, which has 14 stores now in operation with a paid up capital of \$40,000.00, employing more than 50 young men and women with monthly sales of more than \$32,000, of which Mr. B. M. Roddy is president and founder. They have five drug stores, three insurance companies, four newspapers, two printing offices, seven undertaking firms, and three new corporations are now being projected, among which is the Tri-State Casket and Coffin Co., with a capital of \$200,000, which T. H. Hayes is president, a mercantile company with \$100,000 capital, of which R. B. Roberts is president and C. L. C. Manufacturing Co. with a capital of \$50,000, T. F. Johnson, president; The Martin Barber College is one of the most complete establishments found in the entire South, situated in a beautiful building that occupies a position on one of the prominent streets. The University of Tennessee, under the leadership of the indomitable and aggressive Dr. M. V. Lynch, is doing a wonderful work and is equipping many splendid young men and women for the profession.

Dr. W. T. Vernon was on hand to see that everything possible was done for the convenience and comfort of the guests and stayed with us until our train left his city. All Memphis is enthusiastic for the election of Dr. Vernon to the bishopric. Among prominent places visited by the delegation

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COLORED ORPHANS GUESTS OF LINCOLN THEATER.

Will See Monday Evening's Performance of Pollyanna, the Glad, With Mary Pickford.

The little tots of the Colored Orphans' Home, will have a rare treat Monday evening as the guests of Mr. Goldman, managing director of the Lincoln Theater. Arrangements have been made for bringing the children to the theater in automobiles and for the serving of popcorn and doughnuts after the show.

The life of an orphan at its best is bleak and discouraging. As much as kind persons do to bring cheerfulness and as hard as the nurses and matrons work in their endeavors to provide every comfort and to replace the deceased parents of their children, it is not the warmth and happiness of the real mother-love. And in all of this darkness and sense of loss, there is that loss of courage which fits the child for the world's battle. Sometimes a ray of sunshine finds itself to the orphan's heart and brings to light a treasure that has been hidden. Such a play is Pollyanna, for in it Mary Pickford spreads sunshine and gladness issue as its rays of light. The drama has a wonderful human appeal.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The Republicans of Jackson County held their convention in this city last Monday and it was a decisive and overwhelming victory for the regular Republicans headed by Walter S. Dickey, Robert J. Flick and Thos. R. Marks.

At every turn of the road in the most skillful parliamentary battle ever waged in a political meeting in this country the anti-boss element was defeated at every turn and finally in desperation withdrew the only delegation they had on the floor of the convention the Fourth Ward and assisted in the organization of a rump convention which met in the passage-way of the hall and went through the form of nominating delegates. The regular convention was presided over by Hon. A. L. Reeves in magnificent style, who ruled impartially, but firmly on every proposition. Robert J. Flick was the floor leader for the regular Republicans and he exhibited a degree of parliamentary knowledge and floor leadership that won round after round of applause from his friends and admirers. Speeches were made by many prominent leaders of the party, the Colored contingent being represented by Nelson C. Crews,

and Mrs. Birdie Austin, while Messrs. W. C. Hueston and Fred W. Dabney were members of the committee on credentials that was in continuous session from 10 a. m. Monday until 8:30 a. m. Tuesday. The congressional convention nominated as delegates to the national convention Robert J. Flick and Hugh Martin and as alternates Miss Kate Fisher, and Mrs. A. L. Reeves. Resolutions were unanimously adopted endorsing Walter S. Dickey for delegate-at-large. One hundred thirty-two delegates were selected by the county convention to attend the state convention, twenty-one of whom are Colored. Convention adjourned at 9:15 Tuesday morning.

NEGRO FOR CONGRESS.

ST. LOUIS, MO., April 30.—At a big mass meeting largely attended, Lieut. Geo. L. Vaughn, one of the state's most brilliant attorneys, amid much enthusiasm announced his candidacy for Congress in the Twelfth Congressional District, and that his filing fee had been sent to Hon. A. W. Lloyd, grand chancellor, K. of P. of Missouri, who is in Kansas City to personally file with Walter S. Dickey, treasurer of state committee. The meeting unanimously endorsed his candidacy.

PROMINENT DRUGGIST EXPANDS.

TO BE FINEST DRUG STORE IN KANSAS CITY.

Dr. Theodore Smith, Kansas City's pioneer Negro druggist, leases additional space for his wonderfully growing business.

Dr. Theodore Smith, known all over the country as Kansas City's pioneer druggist, who owns and conducts one of the largest drug stores in the West at 1301 East 18th Street, this city, has met with such wonderful success that he has found it absolutely necessary that his store expand, and has leased the adjacent building, 1309 E. 18th Street, in order that he may have sufficient space to carry on his wonderful and remarkably growing drug business.

Dr. Smith carries a complete line of pure drugs and drug sundries, fine toilet articles, face creams, hair beautifiers, combs, brushes and high class stationery. His motto is: Service, Quality and Price.

A Sun reporter, in interviewing Dr. Smith, found the following facts: The years 1918 and 1919 were the greatest in points of business and finance during the entire period that Dr. Smith has conducted a drug store and he has decided that during 1920 he will transact \$100,000 worth of business.

And knowing Dr. Smith as we do, we have no doubt but that he will "go over the top," because he has what the customer wants, and when he wants it and delivers it wherever he can be found; that is, if the customer lives on earth.

Dr. Smith not only deals with the local trade of Kansas City, but carries on an extensive mail order business throughout the country.

Dr. Smith says that he will put forth every effort to make his store not only the finest in the city, but the best equipped, most completely stocked drug store in the entire West.

Dr. Smith epitomizes those lines of the poet, which say:

"Heights of great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they while their companions slept
Were toiling upward in the night."

FORT SCOTT, KAS.

Rev. Tillman had a splendid quarterly meeting despite the weather. Dr. Barksdale gave an interesting lecture to the church Monday evening. The quarterly reports were excellent. Mrs. Sarah Parks is in Kansas City. Shiloh Baptist Church is in its third week of a revival meeting. Dr. A. L. Hawkins gave Dr. Barksdale a sight-seeing trip in his car Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Copeland and their little daughter, Marcella, have the sympathy of their church and community in the burning of their home last week. Their loss included one hundred eighteen thoroughbred Reds from the incubator. Educational drive for Ward Hall April 30-May 7. Do your "bit" for Christian Education. Your "bit" should be your "best." Rev. and Mrs. Tillman and Mrs. Flen Miller expect to attend the general conference at St. Louis.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to friends, neighbors and relatives for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and at the death of James Thomas Black. We are also grateful for the beautiful floral offerings.—Clarence Black, son; Frinzella Downs, friend.

JOY RIDE FATAL.

(By Special Correspondent.)

The shattered body of what was once a Buick 5-passenger automobile strewn along the side of the tracks of the Santa Fe Railroad at Eudora, Kansas, is conclusive evidence of the oft-repeated and biblical saying that "the wages of sin is death." For the occupants of the fateful machine speeding along the highways of Kansas on Saturday, April 24, evidently were bent on nothing but pleasure. No thought of ruined homes and broken hearts, perhaps, ever entered their pleasure-bent minds as they sped along to their fateful doom to be hurled into eternity without even having time to breathe a prayer.

The accident occurred about 4 p. m. Saturday at the main street crossing of the Santa Fe Railroad. The car was driven by John S. Patrick of Kansas City and the names of his companions were Joseph Ransom, also of Kansas City, and Mrs. Edith Mendenhall, aged 22, of Denver, Colo., and the wife of a railroad porter residing in Topeka, Kas., aged 21 years. They were struck by Santa Fe train No. 10. Death must have been instantaneous to the women and Ransom, as the report by Dr. Miller of Eudora and other eye-witnesses stated that their brains were scattered from the crossing as far as the mill about fifty feet distant.

Chest was crushed; he had a large scalp wound and his neck was broken; the other two were not so badly hurt. Patrick was breathing when picked up and was carried to the Santa Fe depot. He lived about ten minutes without uttering a word. Dr. Miller states both his legs were broken, his crushed. Mrs. Mendenhall's scalp was crushed to a pulp and her brain was strewn along the track for fifty feet or more.

Citizens of Eudora state that the car was being driven at a high rate of speed, that all the curtains of the car were drawn and from the way Main street crosses the tracks, it was impossible for them to see the rapidly approaching train.

Nothing was found from the wreckage save two strong suit cases and on the person of Mr. Patrick over \$500.00 in money, also one .41 Colt's pistol and a .38 Iver-Johnson pistol.

The bodies of Mr. Patrick and Mr. Ransom were brought here by a brother of the former, Mr. Roland Patrick and the funeral services were held Tuesday from the family residence, 2320 Flora avenue. Mr. Patrick was a son of the late Wm. Patrick who passed away about two months ago and who for thirty years was steward at the Kansas City Club. He leaves a wife, brother and a step-mother and a host of friends to mourn his untimely demise.

James Thomas Black, the well known chauffeur, 41 years of age, died after a brief illness of thirteen days, residence, 1412 Euclid avenue, Sunday at 12:30 p. m. Mr. Black leaves one son, Clarence Black, who lives in this city. His funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Second Baptist Church of which he was a member, the Rev. S. W. Bacote officiating. Interment was in Highland Cemetery.

The General Conference of the A. M. E. Church convenes Monday May 3, in St. Louis, Mo., and large numbers from the West are passing through this city enroute there. Many from here will attend as it will be the greatest conference held by that church in many years.

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